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## B-G Meets Editors On News Sources

The Prime Minister will propose to the Cabinet that each Minister will appoint a number of senior officials in his Ministry to furnish information to the press on the work of the Ministry. This was stated in a communiqué issued on Monday after a meeting between Prime Minister Ben-Gurion and the editors of Israel's daily newspapers.

The meeting followed the Prime Minister's statement in the Knesset last Wednesday that he would discuss with the editors whether existing official channels of news to the press by Government Ministries were adequate. The statement was made in reply to motions for the agenda calling for a debate on recent official instructions to civil and public servants forbidding them to disclose any information which came to their knowledge in the course of their official duties. The new ruling was issued as a directive under the Press Law Amendment of 1957 (State Security).

At Monday's meeting which was held in the Cabinet room in Jerusalem, measures were discussed for improving the supply of information to the press on Government activities.

It was agreed by all those taking part in the meeting that where a Ministry official is not authorized to give information he will be empowered to do so if his area of work is of special interest to the public.

Not all officials are authorized to supply information and journalists will not resort to "underground" methods to get information from unauthorized sources.

After these proposals are submitted to the Cabinet for approval, they will be relayed to all civil servants by the Civil Service Commission and the Ministers will nominate the civil servants authorized to maintain open contact with the Press.

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## Knesset Reporters Boycott House

The Knesset press box was empty yesterday. Parliamentary correspondents carried out the boycott taken last week by the Israel Editors' Committee to boycott Monday's Knesset session in protest against the ruling of the Knesset President, Zvi Lurie, that the correspondents from the "old" cafeteria during certain hours of the day. (A second cafeteria, in the Knesset's new wing, was opened yesterday).

Today, the correspondents will cover only the Knesset afternoon session.

The feeling of the journalists, which was endorsed by the Editors' Committee, is that their exclusion from the cafeteria cuts them off from important news sources and makes it difficult for them to discharge their duties.

The Knesset President justifies the restrictions on the grounds that M.K.'s are entitled to eat without being disturbed by journalists. Under the new rules, parliamentary correspondents will not be admitted to the cafeteria between 12:45 and 2:00 p.m. and between 7 and 8 p.m. Last week the correspondents decided, by majority vote, not to accept any restrictions of this nature.

**Explain Stand**

At a meeting yesterday at the Jerusalem Journalists' Club, the Knesset reporters drew up a letter to the President of the Knesset, Zvi Lurie, explaining their stand.

In a communiqué released yesterday, the President states that following the bombing in the Knesset in October 1957, a Committee on Knesset Security recommended a number of measures to reduce crowding in the Knesset. With the building of a new wing, arrangements were made for the convenience of the M.K.'s and of persons who frequent the House including parliamentary correspondents, whom the President regards as an integral part of the institution.

In a statement issued on Monday night, the Knesset press corps declared that security precautions had completely no connection with the restrictions imposed on contact with M.K.'s, and that this fact has even been noted by members of the President and the Security Committee in meetings with representatives of the press.

The statement adds that the press corps sees in these restrictions a blow at the principle of freedom of the press and will persevere in its attempts to remove these restrictions, "which prevent faithful reporting of Knesset affairs."

## Turco-Greek Accord For Cyprus Said Near

LONDON.—Prime Minister Harold Macmillan on Monday held a meeting of Ministers at which it is believed the latest aspects of the Cyprus situation were reported.

Among those who attended were Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, Colonial Secretary Lennox-Boyd, Lord Kilmer, the Lord Chancellor, and Defence Minister Duncan Sandys.

A report from Athens published in the Greek press on Monday claimed that Greece and Turkey have found a formula for a Cyprus settlement. The press report from the Greek press was based on the English-language "Cyprus Mail," caused a sizeable wave of optimism in the island. It said the formula was based on a "form of independence" excluding partition. It added that it was worked out at the recent Paris talks.

The Foreign Ministers of Greece, Turkey and Britain agreed to continue exchanges and develop their ideas, it added.

A Government spokesman in London said the number of Greek Cypriot political detainees released so far this month now totals more than 400.

There are now fewer than 2,000 still held in camps as suspected terrorists.

## Refineries Being Bought This Week

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The agreement on Israel's purchase of the Haifa Refineries is to be signed at the end of the week in London, it was learned from a source in Jerusalem on Monday.

The sale follows negotiations that lasted for a year in London with Mr. L. Wolfson, negotiating on behalf of Israel.

The price of the Refineries has been set at \$10 million. A decision was reached on the future employment of the British experts now working at the Refineries and on additional technicians coming from England.

The installations will not be handed over to Israel before April 1, 1960, it was learned.

## Britain Agrees To Join Euratom

BRUSSELS (Reuters).—Britain will shortly be linked with the six-nation Euratom Community for the peaceful use of atomic energy, under an agreement approved here on Monday.

The Governing Council of the Community said "full agreement" on the text of a treaty with Britain had been reached. A communiqué said the agreement would be signed shortly.

## Pasternak Watched by Doctors During Nobel Prize Storm

Russian author Boris Pasternak told a German journalist recently that he was "surrounded by doctors" at his home outside Moscow when the political storm broke in the Soviet Union following his nomination for the Nobel Prize.

He told the Moscow correspondent of the Hamburg newspaper "Welt am Sonntag" that "all will be well" with him despite the strong official disapproval which his novel evoked.

Laughing often during the interview, Pasternak said he was in good health. After answering some of the hundreds of letters which had reached him from Europe, the U.S. and other countries, he would start on another "major work," but he is not sure whether it will be another novel.

He shook his head in wonderment at some of the letters he has received from abroad. "One man in England complains of the injustice of the British courts and wants me to do something about his case. A certain lady claims her family are the rightful rulers of England. Someone else says: 'If you do not want the Nobel Prize, let me have it and I'll split the money with you.' But most letters are deeply affecting," he added.

(Reuters, UPI)

## Final Count Gives De Gaulle 78.5%

PARIS (Reuters).—Final figures in Sunday's French Presidential election, announced by Interior Ministry officials here on Monday showed that General de Gaulle secured a total of 62,395 votes or 78.5 per cent of the valid ballots cast.

Mr. Georges Marrane, the Communist candidate, got 10,284 votes and Professor Albert Chatelet (left-wing non-Communist), 6,722.

A total of 79,671 valid votes were cast by the 51,294 Grand Electors consisting of parliamentarians and representatives of municipalities and overseas territories.

Gen. de Gaulle will remain in office as Prime Minister until January 8, when the outgoing President, M. Rene Coty, will formally hand over the reins of power.

On the same date, or shortly afterwards, the General will exercise the first of his presidential prerogatives by nominating the new Prime Minister.

This is widely expected to be Senator Michel Debre, one of the General's staunchest supporters and, as de Gaulle's Minister of Justice, one of the chief architects of the new constitution which gives the President greater powers than any French Head of State has enjoyed since the time of Napoleon III.

General de Gaulle will address the nation on New Year's eve in a televised broadcast. He is expected to outline new sacrifices which the people will have to bear in 1960 to pursue the national recovery effort.

**BEN-ZVI MESSAGE**  
President Ben-Zvi on Monday sent General de Gaulle a cable of congratulations on his election as President of France.

**70 Die in Mexican Bus Disaster**  
OAXACA, Mexico (Reuters).—Seventy people were killed on Sunday when a crowded bus plunged off the Pan-American highway near here. Only two people, both badly hurt, survived what officials termed as one of the worst road accidents in Mexican history.

In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, at least 40 persons were reported killed and thousands injured and homeless as a result of an unprecedented all-night rainstorm which buried families under shantytowns built on steep and landslide-prone hillsides.

## Liberia May Join African Union-Nkrumah

BOMBAY (Reuters).—Premier Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana said here on Monday that the possibility of Liberia joining the projected Ghana-Guinea union was being explored. "It would be in Liberia's interest to join," he added.

Talking to reporters on his arrival for a fortnight's visit to India, Dr. Nkrumah only laughed when asked to elaborate on his statement. In Rome on Sunday about suspecting foreign involvement in the alleged plot to kill him, "I do not want to commit myself," he said.

Accompanied by Mr. Emmanuel Kobia Bonas, his Minister of Works, Dr. Nkrumah will inspect India's new atomic reactor here and meet a party of African students before flying on to New Delhi on Wednesday.

He said that he and Premier Nehru will discuss a wide range of subjects during the visit. The projected Ghana-Guinea union is expected to be one of the main topics.

Before returning to Ghana on January 8, Dr. Nkrumah will spend a four-day holiday in Mysore.

## 'Atlas' Seen Man's Vehicle into Space

WASHINGTON (Reuters).—The Director of the Defense Department's space program predicted on Monday that the Atlas missile, which became the world's biggest artificial satellite last Thursday, would be the vehicle that would carry Americans into space.

"But the Russians could get there first," Mr. Roy Johnson, Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA), said in a television interview.

During a series of passes over the U.S. on Sunday, the Atlas satellite received and retransmitted simultaneously seven copies of President Eisenhower's Christmas message.

On its 42nd pass at 21:35 GMT, Sunday, the Defense Department's California radio station emitted mixed voice and teletype signals. On command from the Texas station eight minutes later, the satellite retransmitted them to the ground.

They were heard with varying degrees of success at the Texas, Arizona and Georgia stations, the Defense Department said.

**US View on Atom Talks: 'No Violent Optimism'**  
NEW YORK (Reuters).—The leader of the U.S. delegation to the Geneva talks on atomic energy, Mr. James Wadsworth, said on Monday he was not "violently optimistic" about them. But he added, "I don't think the conference will fail."

Mr. Wadsworth spoke to reporters after his arrival by plane from Geneva. The talks are in recess until January 8.

## Canadian UNEF Supply Plane Crashes; 4 Dead

FLORENCE (Reuters).—Rescue workers found four bodies in a Canadian Air Force transport plane which crashed in the Apennine mountains near here Sunday night.

Italian officials said later the plane was flying from France via Italy with supplies destined for the United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East.

## Lion Feuchtwanger Dies at 74

LOS ANGELES (Reuters).—German-born novelist Lion Feuchtwanger died here on Sunday at the age of 74.

He emigrated from Munich to Hollywood in 1933 after two gastric hemorrhages, doctors said.

The novelist, who was born in Munich, was the author of such widely-known books as "Jew Suss," "The Ugly Duchess," and "The Devil in France." His last work was "Jephthah and his Daughters."

He was educated in Berlin and at the University of Munich. In 1932 he married Martha Hiller and went to live on the Riviera. He was in Tunis when World War I broke out and was made a prisoner of war by the Germans. His wife, however, managed to smuggle him out on an Italian boat and he returned to Germany where he served for a short time in the army.

With the rise of the Nazis he was a marked man, both as an "intellectual" and as a "non-Aryan," and when Hitler came to power he was deprived of his citizenship. Feuchtwanger was living in Southern France at the time.

He emigrated to Hollywood in 1933, but his property in Germany was confiscated when the Nazis ransacked his Berlin home.

A later novel, "Paris Ghetto," published early in 1940, depicted the life of German exiles trying to make a new life for themselves in France. With the German invasion of France a few months later, he fled to Lisbon and from there went to the U.S. He had lived in California since 1941.

## WINSTON PLANNING MOROCCO HOLIDAY

LONDON (Reuters).—Sir Winston Churchill plans to visit Marrakesh, Morocco, for a holiday early next month, authoritative sources said here on Monday.

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## Soviet Budget Makes Huge Allocations for Science

MOSCOW.—The Soviet Union on Monday fuelled its advance into the rocket and automation age with huge allocations for science and education while making cuts in defence and administration costs.

## Canada Has Plan On Berlin Issue

OTTAWA (Reuters).—Canada's External Affairs Minister, Mr. Sidney Smith, said on Sunday night that Canada will have further ideas to offer in the Western counter-proposals to the Russian proposal on the Berlin situation.

He told reporters on his return from the Nato Council meeting in Paris that Canada made known its ideas on the German question to the Big Three Western powers, and that it would have more to present before the Western counter-proposals to the Russian proposal on the Berlin situation.

Former Premier Bulganin is still a member of the Supreme Soviet. He normally should be present at its sessions, but reporters had not spotted him some time after the meeting got under way.

Revenue was estimated at 72,700m. rubles (about \$180,650m. at the official rate of 4 rubles to \$1) and expenditure at 70,720m. rubles (about \$17,675m. at the official rate).

There will be no change in taxation rates before 1957. Defence gets 36,100m. rubles, a drop of 200m. rubles.

Soviet science is to get 27,300m. rubles, almost double the 1958 estimate, which itself was far exceeded by actual appropriations which totalled 23,900m. rubles.

Education spending has drawn almost level with the defence. It becomes 94,300m. rubles compared with an estimated 90,800m. rubles this year.

Defence costs have not varied much since 1957, but as overall expenditure has increased the percentage for defence has dropped from 18 per cent in 1957 and 15.3 last year, to 13.5 in the new budget.

The national income will increase by 8 per cent in 1959, first year of the seven-year plan designed to almost double Soviet industrial output.

Costs of production in industry, transport and agriculture are to be reduced, but labour productivity is planned to increase.

Smaller appropriations are made for upkeep of Government machinery by simplifying the managerial system and reducing the manpower employed.

Financing of industry will account for 252,400m. rubles, an increase of 11 per cent.

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## USSR Helping Egyptians Build Five New Airfields

Giant U.S. Dredge To Enlarge Suez

CAIRO (UPI).—The U.S. and the United Arab Republic on Monday signed an agreement for the lease of the world's largest dredge to help enlarge the Suez Canal.

The agreement, signed at 10 a.m. with the Canal Authority, was seen as another friendly gesture by the U.S. towards Gamal Abdul Nasser.

The U.S. also was expected to announce another large gesture of economic aid within the next several days—probably on Wednesday.

Although Soviet aid for the Aswan high dam may dwarf both American moves, they were a sign of the U.S. effort to normalize relations with Nasser.

The giant sea-going dredge "Essoyona" (Let us try) leased by the U.A.R. belongs to the U.S. Army. The Canal Authority will pay \$8,000 a day for use of the dredge for seven months—\$1,600 less than an American company would pay.

The dredge will be used for deepening Bitter Lake and Port Said harbour which is necessary if the Canal is to be able to handle giant, modern tankers.

The dredge, expected to arrive here in mid-February, will be operated on a 24-hour basis and is thought to be the only one in the world capable of doing the job.

The agreement was negotiated by the Canal Authority's managing director, Mahmoud Younes, and Maj.-Gen. E.C. Ichner, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army.

## U.S. Signs Amity Pact With Sultan of Oman

WASHINGTON (Reuters).—The U.S. has signed a treaty of amity, economic relations and consular rights with the Sultan of Muscat and Oman, the State Department announced on Monday.

The Department's spokesman said that three American oil companies were operating in the independent Sultanate. The treaty signed two days ago in Salalah by the Sultan was a normal commercial one and had no political significance.

The U.S. was not taking sides in the internal rebellion in the territory, the spokesman said.

## Hungarian Trade Mission in Iraq

BAGHDAD.—A Hungarian mission arrived here on Monday to negotiate a trade agreement to iron out any difficulties. But if Israel refused to cooperate, "then such an incident could only increase tensions to a point where it would be difficult to tell what would be the final result."

Cairo radio reported on Monday that Egypt has lodged a complaint with the U.A.R. alleging recent Israeli overflights of Egyptian territory.

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To: The Multitudes of Homes in Israel.

Mr. Kleen brings good tidings! "Kleen Express," the new self-washing powder, has appeared on the market and Mrs. Housewife can depend on it 100%.

Its tested qualities and fast, safe action make it an indispensable addition to every household.

Ask for "Kleen Express" the next time you are at your grocer's.

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